

REMARKS

Claims 8-50 have been canceled and new claims 51-66 have been added. Claims 1-7 and 51-66 remain in the application. Consideration of the application as amended is requested.

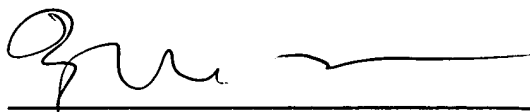
The amendment to the specification addresses a minor informality noted during review. The amendments to Fig. 3 address minor informalities noted during review and/or bring the specification and drawing into mutual conformance. The amendment to the specification, the amendments to Fig. 3 are supported by text appearing at p. 5, line 8 through p. 11, line 19 of the specification as originally filed. No new matter is added by the amendments to the specification or to Fig. 3.

Applicant hereby elects Group 1. New claims 51-66 are similar to claims 1-7 but differ in scope. New claims 51-66 are supported by text appearing at p. 5, line 8 through p. 11, line 19 of the specification as originally filed. No new matter is added by new claims 51-66.

In view of the foregoing, allowance of claims 1-7 and 51-66 is requested. The Examiner is requested to phone the undersigned in the event that the next Office Action is one other than a Notice of Allowance. The undersigned is available for telephone consultation at any time during normal business hours (Pacific Time Zone).

Respectfully submitted,

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